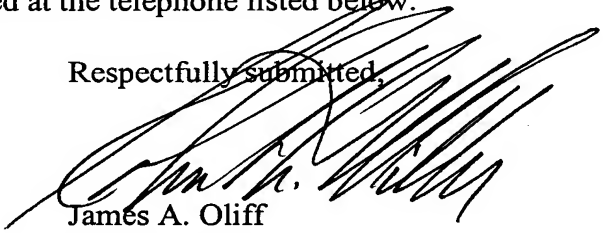


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-15 have been amended and claims 16-20 added. A replacement drawing sheet for Figs. 7A-7D is provided which reorients the figure to have the proper margins. In addition, attached are an amended Abstract and a substitute specification along with a marked-up copy of the originally filed application. The substitute specification contains no new matter.

It is respectfully requested the Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to taking the application up for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Amended Abstract  
Substitute specification  
Replacement sheet (Figs. 7A-7D)

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